

Since the adoption of the 19th Amendment, women have continued to reach significant milestones in that fight for women's equality, including having a greater presence in our government. Today, 17 women serve in the Senate and 76 in the House, and you, Madam Speaker, are making history as the first female Speaker of the House. Also noteworthy is the unprecedented participation of women in our judicial branch. The Supreme Court was without the service of a single woman for nearly 200 years until September 25, 1981, when Sandra Day O'Connor was confirmed as the first woman Supreme Court Justice. Today, for the first time in history, there are three women serving simultaneously on our Nation's highest court: Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Sonia Sotomayor, and Elena Kagan.

While we acknowledge that much progress has been made in the fight for women's equality, we must also recognize that significant work remains to be done. For the first time in our Nation's history, women make up half of the entire U.S. workforce, yet according to the U.S. Department of Labor, they still do not receive compensation packages equivalent to those of their male counterparts.

My home state of Indiana reflects both these significant milestones in the fight for gender equality in the United States and the disparities that still exist. In 1920, Julia Nelson became the first woman to serve in our state legislature. Nine decades later, 31 of the 150 seats in the Indiana General Assembly are filled by women. Clearly, much work remains in our efforts for women's equality in our communities, our states, and our Nation.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in marking the 90th anniversary of the legal guarantee of women's right to vote, and in acknowledging that the promise of freedom and equality in America requires our ongoing focus to diminish those remaining gender-based inequities. In doing so, we honor the memory of the pioneers of women's suffrage like Mott, Cady Stanton, and Anthony, and create better futures for our mothers, sisters, daughters, wives, and friends.

#### TRIBUTE TO GARY ALTER

#### HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 14, 2010*

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, today I would like to remember my good friend, Gary Alter. Gary passed away on May 18th, a victim of cancer and will be honored tonight at the Flint Jewish Federation's 21st Annual Donald Rieggle Community Service Awards ceremony.

Born in 1936 at Steubenville, Ohio, Gary Alter came to Flint 11 years ago to assume the post of Executive Director of the Flint Jewish Federation. He said he came to Flint because it was "a community that was active and had people who cared." The love and respect Gary had for Flint was reflected back to him by the community. He was passionate about developing the community into a place of strength, vibrancy, and diversity. He believed that people could get past their differences and work for the common good. Gary was an active participant in Congregation Beth Israel, Temple Beth El, Rotary Club of Flint,

100 Club of Flint, Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee, Genesee County Census 2010 Committee, Michigan Jewish Conference, Genesee Regional Chamber of Commerce, Urban League of Flint, the Hate Crimes Task Force, Flint Golf Club, and Professional Golf Teacher's Association of America.

Gary was deeply committed to maintaining Jewish traditions and heritage. He was involved in bringing Soviet Jews to the United States, he established the Karen Schneider Jewish Film Festival in Flint, and he was a passionate supporter of Israel. He leaves behind his wife, Emily Alter, and children: Dr. Carol Alter, Karen Jacobson, Alison Bank, and Andrew Bank to cherish his memory.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me and remember the life and work of Gary Alter. I considered Gary a wonderful friend and an outstanding humanitarian. His compassionate, insight and enthusiasm are deeply missed by all that knew him. May his memory be a blessing and to the Jewish community, "May God console you among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem, Ha'makom yenehem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyonvi'Yerushalayim."

#### CELEBRATING THE DESIGNATION OF THE EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE AS AN ADVANTAGE WEST CERTIFIED ENTREPRENEURIAL COMMUNITY

#### HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 14, 2010*

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Eastern Band of Cherokee in Cherokee, North Carolina on becoming a Certified Entrepreneurial Community by the AdvantageWest Economic Development Group. AdvantageWest, an economic development commission which serves 23 Western North Carolina counties, created the "Certified Entrepreneurial Community Program" to train local communities to encourage small business start-ups in the mountain region and to help such businesses thrive.

The Eastern Band of Cherokee, North Carolina has an over 11,000-year history rich with culture, arts, and a heritage of magnificent storytelling. Being designated as a Certified Entrepreneurial Community is just one example of the continuation of the remarkable history, and a tribute to the vision of the Eastern Band of Cherokee. The focus on youth and education as integral components of their Certified Entrepreneurial Community vision ensures that the future leaders of the community will have the tools to continue their strong legacy.

The Certification, developed by the AdvantageWest Center for Rural Entrepreneurship Institute, contains a strict set of guidelines that highlight a community's enthusiasm and readiness to support entrepreneurship and small business. While several communities throughout Western North Carolina have become certified as entrepreneurial communities, the Eastern Band of Cherokee is the first nation to receive this designation. This designation showcases the Eastern Band of Cherokee's foresight in creating and fostering an environment in which prosperity can be achieved. As a Certified Entrepreneurial Com-

munity, the Eastern Band will build upon the success of its marketing campaign to further promote the potential of its people to the United States and abroad.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues today to celebrate this remarkable honor bestowed on The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in Cherokee, North Carolina, and their commitment to the future of their people. I urge my colleagues to join me in celebrating their outstanding achievement.

#### TRIBUTE TO CARLISLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

#### HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 14, 2010*

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the members of Carlisle Christian Church of Carlisle, Iowa, on celebrating their 150th anniversary as a congregation.

The Carlisle Christian Church was founded in 1860, shortly after the pioneer village of Carlisle was formed. As the town grew, so did the church, moving to several different locations from the town school to the homes of members of the congregation. The Carlisle Christian Church moved into a permanent building in 1868, where it continued to grow with the community for the next 150 years.

Today, the Carlisle Christian Church serves the community as a sponsor for the local Boy Scout troop and acts as a center for holiday worship for the whole town of Carlisle. The church, in partnership with other parishes, also provides for families with special needs in the Carlisle community through the Christian Community in Action program. In addition to their service work, the congregation frequently sponsors a float and a booth during the town's annual 4th of July festivities.

The Carlisle Christian Church has been an integral part of the surrounding community, and for this, I offer the congregation my utmost congratulations on a prosperous history. It is an honor to represent all the parishioners and the current Pastor, Rev. Karen L. Moore, in the United States Congress, and I wish them continued success, grace, peace and celebration as a community.

#### RECOGNIZING SUE THOMPSON FOR HER SERVICE TO THE CITY OF HIGHLAND VILLAGE, TEXAS

#### HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 14, 2010*

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I proudly rise today to recognize Sue Thompson and her dedication to the city of Highland Village, Texas. On September 3, 2010, Sue is retiring after 22 years of distinguished service.

Sue first came to the city of Highland Village as the Service Action Center Coordinator for the Code Enforcement Department in September of 1988. Since that time, Sue has been quite the Renaissance woman and has served Highland Village in five other positions: administrative assistant for the Service Action Center; Community Development Coordinator;